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"Oregon first."

It is the open season for "favorite sons."

If every rumor were a railroad what a country this would be!

Senator La Follette can stand pat too when occasion demands.

The people are yet to be heard from on the Roosevelt candidacy.

So far as heard from, the "busted" trusts are all able to sit up and take nourishment.

There seems to be a dearth of political announcements in Lane county newspapers.

The Oregon Electric will be running trains into Albany by July 1. And into Cottage Grove—later.

Hi. Gill was defeated for mayor of Seattle Wednesday by Geo. F. Cotterill. The women did it.

The "lid" is on tight in Cottage Grove between the hours of midnight and 5 A. M.

The dogs are to help Cottage Grove to get a public library, and they how-wow to the situation cheerfully.

Western Oregon has the best looking women in the world, and the finest cats. The men and the dogs are just a good strong average.

There are now on file with the Secretary of State 131 declarations of candidates as compared with 104 declarations during the year 1910.

Springfield is to have "well regulated" saloons. Unfortunately, however, well regulated saloons do not always mean well regulated drinkers.

Captain Amundsen has attained the geographical South Pole, the long-sought-for spot, and that finishes record-breaking as far as the ends of the earth are concerned.

Human nature doesn't change materially after it passes west of the Rocky mountains. The land agent of Oregon is no fiercer than the land agent of any other state.

It looks as if the coming presidential campaign would be the most dramatic since the Lincoln-Douglas campaign in 1860 or the Blaine-Harrison campaign in 1892.

People continue to send copies of the Leader to their distant friends. It is a good idea. In no way can they convey a more correct impression of the town. The paper sells for 5 cents a copy, wrapped.

The political game has developed within the past three weeks some more strange bedfellows. The old line Republicans and the Democrats are "hopping to" Roosevelt with an unanimity quite astonishing.

The following dispatch appeared in the dailies of Friday:
KANSAS CITY, March 7.—Roosevelt received 5565 votes, Taft 3900, La Follette 55, Cummins 6, today in the presidential primary election in the Fifth Missouri congressional district.

What does it mean?

There will be no special railroad rates this year either to the republican or democratic conventions. The regular convention rate of two cents a mile each way will be the best rate obtainable. It costs more and more each succeeding year to "save the country."

Petitions for Jonathan Bourne for nominee for United States Senator on the Republican ticket were filed Wednesday with Secretary of State Olcott. There are between 3000 and 4000 names on the petition, and every county is represented with the exception of Coos.

John Wanamaker says the merchant who advertises most in dull times does the most business when trade is plentiful. We take it for granted Mr. W. knows what he is talking about. The people do not stop reading when times are dull.

Oregon is not a heaven on earth. The man who comes here expecting to pick up riches from the labors of others is probably doomed to disappointment. But there are rich rewards here for the man who can do his quota of development. It is not beyond reason to say that the Oregon of today will in ten years seem like a dream, so great will be the change.

We note in an Iowa paper an article of some length and considerable intensity bearing upon that miserable circular sent out several weeks ago by the labor council of Portland, in which people were warned in deep, dark blue accents to keep away from Oregon. It is doubtless true that there have been many unemployed people in Portland the past winter. Also there have been many in Des Moines and St. Paul. But there is this difference—none of those in Portland have frozen to death.

A glance at the proceedings of the city council, which appeared in the Leader of last week, should convince anyone that the spirit of progress in Cottage Grove is alive and kicking—not kicking in the negative sense, but in a positive way which augurs well for the future. The people are to vote on sewer improvements to cost close to \$12,000. Street signs are to be put up and the business houses and residences numbered. There is to be a public library if encouragement from the council will bring one. At least one street will be improved at once, and the improvement of from 12 to 20 blocks on different streets will soon follow.

The Portland papers report large crowds of colonists from the east and middle west, despite the "famine letter" sent out by the labor organizations. It is noted that without exception each one knows where he is going to locate and what he is going to do. This is due to the work of the different clubs in the Oregon Development League, which have been keeping in touch with eastern points. Formerly the experience has been that the colonists who came out here, attracted by the extremely low rates, had no definite destination in mind, and had not decided just what they wanted to do. They would usually come to Portland or other large centers and look the country over before locating. Under that system, it occasionally happened that the strangers, unfamiliar with the situation here, were preyed on by unscrupulous realty operators, and instead of becoming boosters would develop into disgruntled knockers.

Prizes for School Children

The Lane County school supervisors met with County Superintendent H. C. Baughman, and have arranged a premium list for the School Industrial Exhibits to be held in connection with the county fair at Eugene and local fairs throughout the country. The contestants are to be divided into two classes. Those twelve years and over will be in class A, and those under twelve in class B. First and second prizes will be given in each class for the best exhibits of the following: Field corn, pop corn, musk melon, squash, pumpkin, potato, onion, bird house, piece of furniture, mechanical device or implement, display of woodwork by school or single room, light bread, canned fruit and vegetables, jelly, hand-made apron, hand embroidery, sweet peas, asters, poultry.

Eggs for Hatching

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AMBITION TALKS



BY HARLAN READ

THE LITTLE BUSINESS WORRIES

Last month a divorce was granted in New York to a couple whose domestic difficulties had begun over the wife's refusal to crease her husband's trousers. The two had breastst successfully the storms of business care, the wife had uncomplainingly given up a good home to join herself to a man without prospects, and the husband had cheerfully consented to divide a salary not over large for one person only; but a small difficulty aroused the tiger.

Many a business man who has a dozen times faced ruin with astonishing complacency and no loss of happiness goes home with a lion's roar and the devil's temper because some finicky customer brings back a small 15/collar to change it for a large 14%. What's the matter? Simply this: In matters of importance we realize the utter futility of worry. In small matters we don't. We haven't learned the greatest mankiller in the catalogue is worry. We haven't learned the difference between seriously thinking out the details of a business difficulty and worrying over it to no purpose.

Springfield "Wet" Again

The supreme court last Tuesday reversed the decision of Judge Harris of the circuit court, in the case of the state vs. Perkins, which means that the city of Springfield can license the sale of intoxicating liquors.

The city council of Springfield met Monday night and passed an ordinance granting saloon licenses, and we suppose that saloons will be in operation by the time this paper reaches the public.

The history of the case is substantially as follows: In November, 1911, the city of Springfield, under the home rule amendment to the state constitution voted "wet" by a vote of 213 to 183. District Attorney Bryson took the position that under the decision of the supreme court in the case of the state vs. Hearn and in the case of the state vs. Schuler, decided within the last year, the election was void, because a local option election in cities had to be by precincts and Springfield in holding its election had ignored precinct lines.

Judge Moore of the supreme court, in the Hearn case used the following language in substance: "It is believed that while some provisions of the home rule law are self-executing the home rule law is not effective in cases where precinct lines and the lines in the city and town are not the same, and before a city could vote the precinct lines have to conform to the city lines.

Accordingly District Attorney Bryson refused to recognize the election as valid and it was agreed between him and the officials of Springfield not to grant any liquor licenses till the courts had decided the validity of the election. Edwin G. Perkins was placed under arrest for the sale of a bottle of beer, as per agreement, and found guilty in the justice court, having a fine of \$50 placed against him. The case was appealed to the circuit court and Judge Harris held that the election was void for the reasons assigned and because there was only one polling place.

The case was then appealed to the supreme court.

Glorious News

comes from Dr. J. T. Curtiss, Dwight, Kan. He writes: "I not only have cured bad cases of eczema in my patients with Electric Bitters, but also cured myself by them of the same disease. I feel sure they will benefit any case of eczema." This shows what thousands have proved, that Electric Bitters is a most effective blood purifier. Its an excellent remedy for eczema, tetter, salt rheum, ulcers, boils and running sores. It stimulates liver, kidneys and bowels, expels poisons, helps digestion, builds up the strength. Price 50c. Satisfaction guaranteed by all druggists.

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G. WOOD.

Semi-Finals in H. S. Debate League

UNIVERSITY OF OREGON, Eugene, Ore., March 5.—Reports reaching LeRoy Johnson, an instructor at the University of Oregon, who is secretary of the Oregon High School Debating League, announce the North Bend High School team as the champion of the Coos Bay district, the Grant's Pass team for the third successive time as victor of the Southern Oregon district, and the Albany debaters as the champions in the Central Oregon district.

The next step towards the selection of the two best teams in the state who will contend for the championship of Oregon, at the University, on May 31, as has annually been the custom, are the inter-district debates. The schedule for these contests as prepared by Secretary Johnson, is as follows:

April 5—Coos Bay Champions vs. Southern Oregon Champions. Coos Bay to take the negative, Southern Oregon the affirmative.

April 10—If Coos Bay wins, then they are to come right on and debate the Central Oregon Champions the following Wednesday evening. Central Oregon to have affirmative.

April 16—If Southern Oregon wins, then the debate will not be held till April 17. Southern Oregon to have the negative and Central Oregon the affirmative.

April 26—Columbia River Champions vs. Eastern Oregon Champions. Columbia River to have the affirmative and Eastern Oregon the negative.

May 31—Sides will be arranged for the State debate after the district debates have been held.

In each case the negative team is to invade the territory of the affirmative.

On Hand in State Treasury

With \$218,998.19 the common school fund interest leads all other funds in the state on the first of this month, according to a statement just prepared by the State Treasurer. Ranking next in size is the game protection fund which is \$89,138, all of which is derived from licenses issued for the privilege to fish and hunt game, and fines taken in for violation of the game laws. Practically all of the money entering into this fund is collected by the County Clerks of the state and for their labors they receive not one cent of compensation. There are about \$460,000 in outstanding warrants which have not been paid for the lack of funds. The statement shows the cash on hand to be \$593,226.78.

Presbyterian Market

The ladies of the Presbyterian church will have a market Saturday, March 16, at Kerr & Silsby's store. Home cooking and home-made candy will be on sale all day.

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